The wall calendars for 2018 are provided to our parishioners each year and come from the Extension Society, Chicago, IL. The calendars may be found in the narthex of the church and vestibule of the Historic Chapel.

Our calendar for 2018 features “Feasts and Saints” and is Bilingual—English & Spanish. This year, the calendar is being sponsored by Mr. Todd DeGusipe of DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory—to whom we extend sincere thanks and appreciation.
The Feast of the Holy Family

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God’s word, spoken through the prophet Micah: “And you, Bethlehem…from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel” (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to "prostrate themselves" and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother.

The generosity of these three "kings" is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death.

Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country "by another way." Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves.

Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.

The Sacraments

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions are heard each week on Saturday at the Church (SR #46) from 3:45pm to 4:45pm Learn more about this beautiful sacrament by visiting our website: www.allsoulssanford.org/reconciliation

The Sacrament of Baptism: Call the parish office to learn the necessary requirements and make an appointment with Father Kenneth Metz to have your child baptized. Ask us about the requirements for Godparents.

The Sacrament of Marriage: Getting married? Congratulations! The process of being married in the Catholic Church could take between 6 months to a year to complete. Please contact Ann Cammarata at the parish office as soon as possible after your engagement if you would like to be married at All Souls Catholic Church.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office. The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. Did you know that the Sacrament may be repeated if the person becomes sick again? A person should be anointed before surgery when a dangerous illness is the reason for the intervention.

Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick and Homebound: If you are unable to attend Mass, please call the parish office so we may assist you in having a visit from one of our ministers or one of our priests.

Catholic Funeral and Burial: Please call the parish office or have the funeral home director contact us to arrange the Funeral Mass and for more information about burial at All Souls Catholic Cemetery.

Our Online Homilies: If you missed Mass over the weekend you may view the homily by visiting: www.allsoulssanford.org

Everyday Stewardship

My mother-in-law was the best gift-giver I ever knew. One could say my parents spoiled me growing up, but there was something about her gifts to me that made me feel overwhelmed. I guess it was that after several years I still was surprised that she would think enough of me to get me something no one else would. She was able to make me feel special every time. Of course, I believe she honored me in this way because I accepted her greatest gift to me, her daughter.

Sadly, my mother-in-law did not live long in this world. She passed away over a decade ago due to an aggressive cancer. Some of her material gifts to me remain, while others are long gone. But the memories and the effect of those gifts remain because it was never all about the gifts themselves. It was about relationship. It was about her and me. It was about love.

What we offer Jesus is never about the gift itself. It is about the motivation behind the action and the effect that action has on the body of Christ. Many of the gifts we give today to God and his people will fade away like the mist of the early morning, but the effects of those actions will last forever. It is about relationship. It is about God and us. It is about love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS (Master of Theological Studies)LPI., Inc.
The Epiphany of the Lord

Make All Souls your parish home!

All are welcome here... If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly. If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely—with unconditional love. If you have been hurt by the Church, we are truly sorry. If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace. If life has become burdensome, we are here to support you. We are happy you are here and want you to stay. We would like to share our lives with you. Come join us each week so we can worship God together.

All Souls accepts anyone who wants to share in the life of the parish regardless of where they live. Please register as an affirmation of your wish to share in the community life of All Souls. Registration cards may be found in the narthex of the church or chapel, the parish office during the week, or online at our parish website: www.allsoulsanford.org. Why not sign up today? We love new members!

A special All Souls welcome to:

Renee Larsen

Our Council of Catholic Women

Dear Sisters in Christ, Peace be with you!

Happy New Year! Tickets are available for our first Bunco of 2018. This event will benefit the Russell Home for Atypical Children. This is an Orlando non-profit institution for brain damaged severely disabled children and adults. Bunco date is February 3rd at our Social Hall. Please mark your calendars. Thank you ladies for all the good wishes over the Christmas Holiday Season. Lead with your heart...

Lead with your heart...

Eleanor Tolley, President etolley16@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus

If you’ve got what it takes to go round after round, then you’ll enjoy BINGO in our topnotch BINGO Hall. We offer three game packages plus extras, a snack bar and full meals, intermissions, and a guaranteed payout. Located at 2509 Myrtle Ave, Sanford, 407.324.3699.

State law requires that all persons playing BINGO must be at least 18 years of age. Meetings 1st (Social) and 3rd (Business) Tuesdays at 7pm, 2504 S Oak Ave, Sanford. kofc5357.org

Stewardship of Treasure

Due to advanced bulletin deadlines for the Christmas and New Year holidays our offertory amounts and attendance numbers were unavailable at the time of publication. We will post these collections next week. Thank you for your understanding.

Give Online with WeShare

Did you forget your envelope today? Register for online giving today! Lost or forgotten envelope? Why not set up automatic donations? It’s easy to give online with our secure site: WeShare. Call the parish office for set up assistance or visit: allsoulsanford.weshareonline.org and sign up today! Visitor offertory envelopes may be found in pew or at the welcome desk in the Narthex of the Church and may be used should you forget your envelope.

PARISH Support

Would you help us take down our Christmas decorations?

Please join and help our Art & Environment Committee in taking down our Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 7th at 1:45 pm (after the Spanish Mass). All are welcome! The more the merrier and the faster the work is done! THANK YOU!

Inspiration for the week...

Jesus came for everyone. No one has an exclusive claim on Christ and his birth not only transcends time and space but earthly boundaries as well. Every human being is a child of God. Jews and Gentiles alike are all coheirs, partners and members of the same body. This insight or epiphany is what we celebrate today. It also expresses our hope that one day every nation on earth will recognize and adore Jesus Christ. Jesus’ message of peace, justice, reconciliation and love are meant for everyone to hear and understand.

LPI, Inc.
Parents of Faith Formation Students: our classes will resume on Tuesday and Wednesday—January 9th and 10th.

Attention All Parishioners:
Requests for Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation Certificates; requests for Certificates of Eligibility to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor, or requests for records of attendance in our parish Faith Formation or RCIA programs—we now have a request form which we ask be filled out and submitted to the parish office when requesting any of these documents. This form and instructions may be found on the parish website Faith Formation page here:
https://www.allsoulsanford.org/faith-formation

Save the Date! 21st Annual All Souls School Dinner Gala April 21, 2018 at Venue 1902 at Preservation Hall, 301 W 7th St., Sanford, FL 32771 (formerly the Seminole County School Student Museum)
Corporate and Individual Sponsorships are available. Go to our school website for more information:
http://allsoulsNASDAQ.com/index.cfm?load=page&page=221

Faith Formation News

Matthew 2:1-12
How does the visit of the Magi fulfill the prophecies of Isaiah heard in the first reading?

Isaiah 60:1-6
The prophet Isaiah foresaw a day when all nations would proclaim the praises of the Lord through the people of Israel. How did Isaiah envision this happening?

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Paul spoke to the Ephesians about God’s salvation now offered to all people through Jesus Christ. Why do you think some people find this idea threatening?

Adult Faith Formation Programs

Women’s Holy Hour: The first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Historic Chapel. All women of the parish and their daughters are invited to attend.

Mothers & Fathers Praying (Spanish) Monthly, (1st Saturday) at 6:30 pm in the Historic Chapel

Adult Bible Study: Each Monday at 9:30 am and at 6:30 pm in Suite C of the Parish Office

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) with Fr. Ken Metz, each Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Call the parish office to register: 407.322.3795

Spanish Prayer Group: Each Monday 7:15 pm, Historic Chapel, unless otherwise noted.

Prayer & Life Workshops or Los Talleres de Oracion y Vida: Spanish and English Sessions. Information and Registration: call Jose Angel for the Spanish sessions at 787.368.7843; call Dulce Rodriguez for English morning sessions at 407.312.4693, or Valerie Barbosa at 407.409.5393 for the English evening sessions.

Men’s Holy League: Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, (6:30 pm Rosary) in Historic Chapel.
Week Day Readings

Readings for the Week of January 7

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

“The most important person is always the person with whom you are, who is right before you.” - Leo Tolstoy

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question:
Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:
Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact? LPI, Inc.

Week Day Readings

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6
8:30 am
Pam Callier Huth
12:00 noon
People of the Parish
5:00 pm
Brother John Stephen Peralto

Sunday, January 7
8:00 am
Gloria Bonet-Carrero
9:30 am
Jimmy Tolley
12:30 pm
Kelly Zambrano
2:00 pm
Antonia Terrigno

Monday, January 8
8:30 am
Albert Kirk
3:00 pm
Jean Poland
11:00 am
Josiah Blanco
8:30 am
Nicholas Duarte
8:30 am
Maria Disimone
8:30 am
Yolanda Urbina
5:00 pm
Bill Robinson, Jr.

Tuesday, January 9
8:30 am
Albert Antar
11:00 am
Danny Givens
12:30 pm
People of the Parish
2:00 pm
Personal Intentions

Wednesday, January 10
8:30 am
Mass for the deceased members of St. Vincent De Paul
9:30 am
Albert Antar
11:00 am
Danny Givens
12:30 pm
People of the Parish
2:00 pm

Thursday, January 11
8:30 am
Maria Disimone
8:30 am
Yolanda Urbina
5:00 pm
Bill Robinson, Jr.

Friday, January 12
8:30 am
Mass for the deceased members of St. Vincent De Paul
9:30 am
Albert Antar
11:00 am
Danny Givens
12:30 pm
People of the Parish
2:00 pm

Saturday, January 13
8:30 am
Mass for the deceased members of St. Vincent De Paul
9:30 am
Albert Antar
11:00 am
Danny Givens
12:30 pm
People of the Parish
2:00 pm

Sunday, January 14
8:00 am
Bill Robinson, Jr.

Saturday, January 6
Chapel
by her mother
Chapel (Latin)
by the Parishioners of All Souls
Church
by Linda & Jack Holt
Chapel
by Mary & Don Sparks
Church
by Eleanor & Joe Tolley
Church (Spanish)
by Thomas Pasco
Chapel (Latin)
by Laura Zambrano
Chapel
by Hieu & Tino Terrigno
Chapel
by Linda & Jack Holt
Chapel
by Deb Thomas & Family
Chapel
by Cassandra Blanco
Chapel
by his daughter
Chapel
by Lorraine & Joe Fenza
Chapel
by her daughter
Chapel
by Linda & Jack Holt
Chapel
by SVDP
Church
by his family
Church
by Cousin Deb & Family
Church (Spanish)
by the Parishioners of All Souls
Chapel (Latin)
by the Latin Mass Community

Our Sanctuary Light in our Church burns this week for the repose of the soul and loving remembrance of Rosy George, as requested by her daughter, Saroj Thekkanath. May she rest in peace.
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Did you know? Your large item donation helps us help others St. Vincent de Paul Orlando turns donated furniture and appliances into items we provide to families in need through our Voucher Program. We pick up large items for FREE. Scheduled your pick up today at 888.986.4483 or via our website at: svdporlando.org

How You Help Us Help Others: We personally thank all the parishioners at All Souls who so beautifully support us during the year. Without your caring support we would not be able to do the work we do each day! You are all in our prayers in a special way at this time of the year!

Food Pantry Need of the Week: Shampoo. Thank you!

This Week’s Vincentian Reflection: Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please give to our St. Vincent de Paul Society so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE? PLEASE CALL US!
SVDP Assistance Hotline call: 407.330.4400
SVDP for Pick up of donations: 1.888.986.4483
Thrift Store Location: 216 N. Hwy 17-92, Suite #150 – Big Lots Plaza, Longwood, 32750,
Hours: Mon. to Fri.: 10 am to 7 pm; Sat. 9 am to 6 pm
*Closed Sunday*

Stitches from the Heart Shawl Ministry—There are so many people that need prayers and support who are lonely and hurting. Give them a gift of comfort and prayer with a Stitches from the Heart prayer shawl. Listen to those around you that may need some comfort. For a shawl you can contact the parish office or Stephanie Fuoco at sfuoco@cfl.rr.com or 407.491.2991. If you would like to join our knitting group please call Stephanie.

Let’s Stay Connected!

Like and post to us on our Facebook Pages:
All Souls Catholic Community
All Souls Catholic Cemetery
All Souls Community Harvest Festival

Sign-up to receive parish emails or text messages through our Flocknote service. We regularly send updates about parish activities, events, and announcements. You can sign-up to receive our email and free* text alerts by texting Allsouls to: 84576 (*Standard messaging rates may apply from your cell phone provider)
Follow us on Twitter: @AllSoulsSanford

Watch: Parish Media Ministry for our priest’s Weekly Homily online at our parish website: https://www.allsoulsanford.org

Help for a hurting marriage...

Sometimes things can go very wrong in a marriage. Retrouvaille (a French word meaning to find each other again) is a program to help heal and support married couples experiencing difficulties, couples broken, lonely and hurting. It’s also for couples who have separated or divorced and want to try again. Our next program begins January 26, 2018. For more information and registration, call 352.274.4614. All calls and names held in strictest confidence. We invite you to visit our website at Retrouvaille.org

Have you seen the face of Jesus?

HUGS for the Homeless

His face can been seen in the face of the homeless, if we look hard enough. Because of the wonderful weather we enjoy here in Florida, we have a higher percentage of homeless people and so the Florida Council of Women started the project “Hugs for the Homeless” seven years ago. This weekend, January 6 & 7 is “Hugs for the Homeless Weekend”, Council members in our parish will be collecting donations. We hope our parish family will be generous in supporting us to help the homeless. If donating by check make payable to All Souls CCW and in the subject line write “Hugs for the Homeless”. For further questions contact Annette Tolle at 407.349.5030, chairperson.

Grupos de Oración Español

Nuestro Grupo de Oración Jesús María y José cordialmente te invita a su reunión tradicional en Capilla Histórica, en Oak Avenue cada lunes a las 7:15 pm, comenzando con el rezo del rosario, oraciones y la adoración del Santísimo Sacramento. Todos están invitados a asistir. Por favor únase a Padres y Madres Oraciones el primer sábado del mes las 6:30 pm en la Capilla Histórica y permanezca después para la confraternidad en el Salón Social. Nuestro grupo se reúne el primer sábado de cada mes. Se proporciona cuidado de niños.

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